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## Re: Direct Testimony - Docket #2011-515-W

Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. – Application for Approval of a Water Supply Agreement Between Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. and York County to Serve Foxwood Subdivision in York County.

Dear Public Service Commission:

Please accept this letter as my direct testimony as an intervenor in the above referenced matter. My name is Chantay F. Bouler. I am a resident of the Foxwood Subdivision [and have been since 1987] residing at 114 Pelham Lane. Shortly after moving to Foxwood and learning of the poor condition of the water, I begun to purchase bottle water for consumption and continue to do so. The water is not good for laundry either- causing hardness and discoloration to clothing items. Due to the harshness of the water and the toll it takes on my clothing, I dry clean my business and church attire.

I do favor the Water Supply Agreement in that it will provide for a quality, potable water source by way of interconnection to the system operated by York County Government.

My fear and concerns are centered around the subsequent events should the agreement be approved namely,

- 1. The cost of \$150,000 to complete the interconnection. Is this a 'not to exceed' or could these cost change considerably after the fact?
- Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. has gone on record stating that the \$150,000 cost will be spread across its total customer base, not just the Foxwood neighborhood. Who ensures that the company honors this statement?
- 3. Assurance that the check valve will be put in place to prevent 'blow-out' to resident piping as prescribed in the Water Supply Agreement.
- 4. Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. has gone on record as saying that once the connection is in place, residents will be billed only for water metered at their respective properties. Who ensures that the Company adheres to this?
- 5. Future rate applications that will be submitted resulting from this interconnection and what that will mean to the Foxwood residents.

The above represents my full testimony. I respectfully request the right to be heard on this matter at the scheduled hearing of August 14, 2012.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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